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A weekend's worth of photos

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French establish contact with alleged pirates

Pirates who hijacked a French luxury yacht were reached yesterday, the foreign minister said, adding that the case 'may take a long time' to be resolved properly | **Page 5**

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Columnist Greg Chick says food on campus is greatly overpriced. His solution? A shuttle service that could take students to off-campus grocery stores | **Page 4**

How have you been enjoying the beautiful weather?



MARGO SMITH, Sophomore, Special Education

"I like being able to wear flip-flops outside."



TODAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 67, Low: 40



TOMORROW
PM, Showers
High: 64, Low: 51

No more fear



ENOCH WU | THE BG NEWS

TUNES: Laurie Swyers, a performer from the band Blue Moon, plays a harmonica during Take Back the Night on Friday.

Students rally for freedom from sexual violence

By Hannah Sparling
Reporter

More than 50 University students marched around campus Friday night holding signs and chanting phrases like "What do we want? Safe Streets! When do we want it? Now!" and "However we dress, wherever we go, yes means yes and no means no!"

The students were participating in the fourth annual "Take Back the Night," an event put on by the Organization for Women's Issues. The event was meant to bring awareness to domestic violence and to offer a safe space to those who have been victimized in the past, said senior Erin Wethern, president of OWI.

"I don't think it's addressed enough," Wethern said. "Bringing awareness helps survivors know that they're not alone."

The event was called "Take Back the Night" because that is what it was meant to

do, junior Briana DeVore said. Women are always told not to go out at night or to walk alone, she said.

"We're always told, 'Women, you must be with a group,'" DeVore said. "The whole point of the event is to take that back and give us our freedom back."

Violence affects everyone, said senior Krista Corwin, who lead the march around campus. "Even those of us who haven't been victimized are afraid to walk at night," Corwin said. "That shouldn't be. None of us are safe and that's not fair."

Corwin said the march was a way to stand up to those who make the night unsafe.

"We're showing that we're not going to be afraid anymore," Corwin said.

Those who went on the march were trying to raise awareness and stop domestic violence and sexual assault, said senior Amanda Monyak, the community outreach

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Greek Week goes around the world

Campus events promote unity among fraternities, sororities

By Theresa Scott
Reporter

It's April, and that can only mean one thing for some students at the University: No, not finals: Greek Week.

Some students may think Greek Week is just a weeklong party for frat boys and sorority girls, but C.J. Mathis, a graduate assistant for the Greek Independent Board who has been planning the week's activities, says that could not be further from the truth.

"It's really about community and Greek unity," Mathis said. "Each chapter is teamed up with another chapter who is often in a different council. It is a great opportunity for chapters who would not normally interact to get to know each other and learn about the different councils."

Greek Week, themed "Around the World" this year, began yesterday evening in Perry Field House with free nonalcoholic mocktails, provided by GAMMA to kick off the week in style.

There are a number of Greek-sponsored activities throughout the week, Mathis said. Every

"It's really about community and Greek unity."

C.J. Mathis | Graduate Assistant

day there is a new activity, with some of the highlights being a watermelon bust, speed dating and a guest hypnotist sponsored by the IFC.

The week, which primarily aims to promote Greek unity, is also a competition; whichever chapter participates in the largest number of activities wins the coveted title of "Most Spirited Chapter." Jacqueline Mattmuller, president of Alpha Omicron Pi said her chapter will be trying for the award this year.

"The competition is part of the fun of it," she said.

Mattmuller also said the spirit of Greek community is alive during this designated week.

"I think it [Greek Week] is great

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Olympic torch run turns to chaos amid protests

By Bryan Mitchell
The Associated Press

LONDON — Demonstrators grabbed at the Olympic torch, blocked its path and tried to snuff out its flame Sunday in raucous protests of China's human rights record that forced a string of last-second changes to a chaotic relay through London.

The biggest protests since last month's torch-lighting in Greece tarnished China's hope for a harmonious prelude to a Summer Olympics celebrating its rise as a global power. Instead, the flame's 85,000-mile journey from Greece to Beijing has become a stage for activists decrying China's recent crackdown on Tibetans and support for Sudan despite attacks on civilians in Darfur.

One protester slipped through a tight police cordon early in the day and managed to grip the torch before he was thrown to the ground and taken away by police.

"Before I knew what was happening this guy had lurched toward me and was grabbing the torch out of my hand and I was determinedly clinging on," former children's television host Konnie Huq told British Broadcasting Corp. television.

"I do feel for the cause," she said. "I think that China [has] got a despicable human rights record."



IAN WALTON | GETTY IMAGES

GETTING IN THE WAY: Demonstrations over China's human rights record and actions in Tibet are expected along the route of the Olympic Torch.

Another demonstrator tried to snuff the flame with a spray of white powder from a fire extinguisher, police said. Still others threw themselves in the way as the torch moved through central London. They were tackled or dragged off by police. Authorities said 37 people were arrested.

The torch was closely followed in east London by dozens of demonstrators waving Tibetan flags and shouting "Shame on China!" Police stopped to form a protective phalanx three or four officers deep every time the torch was

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Troopers storm polygamist ranch to rescue children

By Michelle Roberts
The Associated Press

ELDORADO, Texas—Authorities who removed 219 women and children from a polygamist compound were struggling yesterday to determine whether they had the 16-year-old girl whose report of an underage marriage led them to raid the sprawling rural property.

Many people at the compound, built by followers of jailed polygamist leader Warren Jeffs, are related to one another and share similar names; investigators said in some case they were giving different names at different times.

Investigators yesterday bused them out of Eldorado, nearly 200 miles northwest

of San Antonio, as other law enforcement agents continued to search for more children and evidence at the 1,700-acre compound, the former site of an exotic game ranch.

State troopers armed with a search warrant raided the compound on Friday to look for evidence of a marriage between the girl, who allegedly had a baby at 15, and a 50-year-old man. Under Texas law, girls younger than 16 cannot marry, even with parental approval.

The women and children were taken out of the compound Friday and Saturday and had been staying in a local church and civic center.

By midday yesterday, dozens of women and children, mostly girls, were seen boarding buses

on their way to San Angelo, a larger town 45 miles away. The women wore long pastel dresses and many carried bedding; several had infants.

Officers entered the temple on the grounds late Saturday, but by yesterday they still had not located the 16-year-old whose initial report of abuse led to the raid.

"There were some tense moments last night, but everything has remained calm and peaceful and they are continuing their search," Allison Palmer, a prosecutor from a nearby county handling the case, said early yesterday.

Marleigh Meisner, a spokeswoman for Child Protective Services, said investigators were still trying to determine whether the girl who called authorities

last week was among the people, including 159 children, removed from the compound.

Meisner said the adults were cooperating with investigators, and that she didn't believe any had been forced to leave the compound.

Investigators also were looking for the man the girl allegedly married, Dale Barlow. Palmer said other law enforcement agencies "know where [Barlow] is and have talked to him, but our investigators have not."

Barlow's probation officer told The Salt Lake Tribune that he was in Arizona.

"He said the authorities had called him [in Colorado City,

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DONNA MCWILLIAM | AP PHOTO

UP ABOVE: This aerial view shows the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints compound under construction near Eldorado, Texas.

BLOTTER

FRIDAY

7:03 P.M.

A shopping cart was reported stolen from Kroger on North Main Street.

11:36 P.M.

Kevin M. Shiley, 18, Robert B. Platten, 19, both of Bowling Green, and Jacob P. Froelich, 19, of Perrysburg, were cited for underage possession of alcohol at Junction Bar and Grill on North Main Street.

SATURDAY

12:02 A.M.

Trevor S. Rohrbach, 21, of St. Marys, Ohio, was issued a civil citation for urinating on East Merry Avenue and Rachel A. Csonka, 20, of Bowling Green, was cited for underage possession of alcohol.

12:18 A.M.

Ajail Avid Jigme Singh Pureval, 19, of Beavercreek, Ohio, was arrested for open container and underage possession of alcohol.

12:18 A.M.

Laura A. Morsey, 20, of Bowling Green, was cited for underage possession of alcohol.

12:46 A.M.

Michael J. Lauria, 20, of Madison, Ohio, and Richard L. Sprow, 26, of Fostoria, Ohio, were arrested for

assault. Lauria was also charged with underage under the influence of alcohol. Theresa M. Wolf, 23, of Bowling Green, was arrested for nuisance party violation.

2:54 A.M.

Sean D. Sickler, 18, of Weston, Ohio, was arrested for underage under the influence of alcohol and disorderly conduct.

11:29 P.M.

Matthew Earl Breckler, 25, of Edgerton, Ohio, was cited for open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

11:36 P.M.

Emily S. Bly, 20, of Waterville, Ohio, was arrested for open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle and underage possession.

11:48 P.M.

Emmanuel U. Warnah, 21, of Columbus, was issued a civil citation for urinating on Campbell Hill Road.

SUNDAY

12:11 A.M.

Caleb B. Franks, 18, of Grand Rapids, Ohio, and Curtis Lewis Carsten, 19, of Waterville, Ohio, were cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

ONLINE: Go to www.bgnews.com for the complete blotter list.

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handed to a new runner.

London's Metropolitan police said some 2,000 officers, on foot, motorcycles, bikes, and on horseback were mobilized to keep the procession under control.

"Maybe on TV screens there might be some chaotic spin but I witnessed ... I saw more smiling faces, waving hands, and thumbs-up welcoming the Olympic relay," Chinese embassy spokesman Liu Weimin told the BBC from the torch relay convoy.

Frantic organizers shuffled the order of participants to keep the Chinese ambassador away from demonstrators who grew bolder throughout the day, however. And a handful of people who planned to run had already dropped out in protest.

The torch made it unscathed to the O2 Arena in Greenwich after more than seven fraught hours that belied the London event's theme: "Journey of Harmony."

"There was definitely a bit of an edge," British tennis player Tim Henman, one of the torchbearers, told The Associated Press.

The trouble began early in the day when demonstrators attempted to board the bus that trailed the torch shortly after British rower and five-time Olympic gold medalist Steve Redgrave started the procession at Wembley Stadium.

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Ariz.] and some girl had accused him of assaulting her and he didn't even know who she was," said Bill Loader, a probation officer in Arizona.

A call to Loader by The Associated Press was not immediately returned yesterday.

Palmer said Texas authorities have been in contact with those in Arizona but have not yet talked to Barlow. No arrests have been made.

Barlow was sentenced to jail last year after pleading no contest to conspiracy to commit sexual conduct with a minor.

He was ordered to register as a sex offender for three years while he is on probation.

The search warrant instructed officers to look for marriage records or other evidence linking her to the man and the baby. The warrant authorized the seizure of computer drives, CDs, DVDs or photos.

The Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, headed by Jeffs after his father's death in 2002, broke away from the Mormon church after the Mormons disavowed polygamy more than a century ago.

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because they pair you up with chapters you don't normally do things with," Mattmuller said. "Because of Greek Week we have made so many new friends."

Greek Week also offers chapters the opportunity to host philanthropies throughout the week. Many Greek organizations have a specific cause or charity that they raise funds for, and Greek Week is an excellent opportunity to hold a fundraising event because attendance is generally higher, Mathis explained.

"I think I am most excited about our philanthropy on Wednesday night," said Mattmuller, whose sorority will be hosting a trivia challenge modeled off the popular game show "Family Feud."

"It will be a lot of fun, and we're hoping to raise a lot of money for arthritis research," he said.

Mathis reminds students that Greek Week is not exclusively for those in a fraternity or sorority, and encourages non-Greek students to take the week to see what Greek life is about.

"For non-Greek students, this is a good time to come see what Greek life is really about. All money is raised for various philanthropies across the nation," Mathis said. "So go get involved. This is a great opportunity to ask questions about becoming a member."

Greek Week Events

Monday: 9:15 p.m. Moon Ball Volleyball with Chi Omega

Tuesday: 7 - 10 p.m. Hypnotists G.I.B. Olscamp 101; 9:15 p.m. Kick Ball with Kappa Delta at Perry Field House

Wednesday: 4 p.m. Walk a Mile in Her Shoes IFC; 8 p.m. Dive-In Movie with Omega Phi Alpha; 9:15 p.m. Family Feud with Alpha Omicron Pi

Thursday: 4 p.m. Mud Ball with Sigma Alpha Epsilon; 9:15 p.m. Faking the Funk with Phi Beta Sigma

Friday: 3:30 p.m. Watermelon Bust with Lambda Chi Alpha; 3:30 p.m. Speed Dating Pi Beta Phi & Alpha Sigma Phi at the Union Ballroom; 9 p.m. Sibs & Kids All Greek Councils REC

Saturday: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. RECESS (Greek Olympics) Greek Week Committee; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Beach Blast Volley Ball with Alpha Chi Omega; 12 p.m. Kart Race with Kappa Alpha Order at Parking Lot 5

Sunday: 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. Greek Sing (Finale) Greek Week Committee at Perry Field House; 2 - 4 p.m. Campus Clean-up with Alpha Phi Omega at the Union Oval; 5 p.m. Rho Gamma Send-Off at Perry Field House

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chair for OWI.

"I like to think that they've helped the community realize that this is a problem," she said.

Monyak said sexual violence is common, but people just don't acknowledge it.

"It happens in so many homes," she said. "It happens to so many children, to so many adults. It's just that people don't like to think about it."

Senior Bianca Hutchinson also said violence is a bigger problem than most people think.

"There are too many women who suffer through violence and sexual assault," Hutchinson said. "It goes unnoticed. It's time for women as well as male allies to come together to say 'This type of violence has got to end.'"

Before the march, OWI held a rally. There was free food, music played by a group from Toledo called Blue Moon, and readings to highlight the effects of domestic and sexual violence. After the march there was a speak-out session in which people were encouraged to share their experiences with sexual and domestic violence.

The speak-out is a safe place to tell stories, Corwin said. It is confidential and cathartic. For the first time since its start four years ago, every part of "Take Back the Night" was open to both men and women. In previous years, only women were allowed to attend certain parts, like the speak out.

Wethern said men were included in everything this year because violence affects men in the same ways it affects women.

"Sexual assault and domestic violence isn't only male-on-female," Wethern said.

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What's in a weekend?



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UP IN THE AIR: Charlie Esterline (left) and "Forest Fire" (right) of Marion, Ohio, practice some juggling at the Burning Club Juggling Convention held this past weekend at the Perry Field House.



RACHEL RADWANSKI | THE BG NEWS

TASTE TEST: Local food enthusiasts stand in line at the Foodway Expo, held this weekend at the Woodland Mall, in order to try free samples from Panera and other food vendors.



RACHEL RADWANSKI | THE BG NEWS

GREEK HEAT: From left to right, Ashley Mayak of Delta Gamma, Jackie Spenser of Kappa Delta, Michelle Robinson of Kappa Delta, Francesca Scull of Sigma Kappa, Emily Royse of Kappa Delta, Amber Phillips of Delta Gamma, and Kristy Boepple of Kappa Delta bask in the warm weather.

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"If Hollywood had a Mount Rushmore, Heston's face would be on it. He was a heroic figure that I don't think exists to the same degree in Hollywood today."
- Michael Levine, former publicist for Charlton Heston, who died Saturday [from BBC News].

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What have you done to enjoy the beautiful weather?



"Played some sports — basketball, Frisbee. It was a good time."

ZAC PATTERSON,
Freshman, Secondary Education



"Went to Wal-Mart and to Toledo."

KRYSTAL BURCHETTE,
Freshman, Nursing



"Played soccer in Mac Beach. It brightens my life. Period."

BEN WILSON,
Freshman, Film Production



"I went with Krystal. We visited friends in Toledo."

SIMONE SWANSON,
Freshman, Journalism

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HILLARY STILL TRYING TO WIN OVER THE SUPER DELEGATES



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Have a downtown shuttle take us to affordable groceries



GREG CHICK
COLUMNIST

"I'm sure this isn't late-breaking news to anyone that the school is blatantly ripping you off when you shop on campus."

It was a week before spring break and I had gotten my beloved Jamocha shake. As I drove down the Arby's drive-thru, I got upset by all the traffic.

As I sat there waiting for a chance to leave, a young woman walked in front of my car. Wearing only a light fleece jacket and jeans, she treaded the recently snow-covered sidewalk hesitantly. Covering both her arms from her wrists all the way past her elbows were plastic Kroger bags.

The pretty young lady was clearly on her way home from grocery shopping. As she walked away, I couldn't help but wonder why anyone would be outside at all on a freezing cold day. Blizzard conditions had canceled many local schools earlier.

After what seemed like an eternity, I was finally waved on and made my way down Main Street. As I made my way downtown, past Finders, I was saddened to see the same young lady still treading the long road toward her home.

Now I can't assume to know where this young woman lives, but based on how far she had already gone and her proximity to the nearest student residential area the last time I saw her, she clearly had traveled far for her groceries.

But why would anyone go so far in the cold for groceries? There must be something wrong with the offerings on campus to motivate someone to take such extreme measures to procure groceries.

So I did a little digging. Based on the offerings of Chilly's and Temptations, let's take a comparable look at some products available at other locations.

At Chilly's, you'll find a pint of Ben and Jerry's ice cream for \$4.95, while at Wal-Mart the same thing would cost you \$3.12. An 18 ounce container of Jif peanut butter will run you \$3.45 on campus, but only \$2.18 down at Wally World.

Another important distinction is that food here is always served family-style. Most dishes serve three to four people.

Each individual's setting has a small bowl, a small dessert-sized plate and, of course, chopsticks.

I have found this style of sharing — where all are expected to equally take from the dishes — tends to confidently increase the bonds of family and friendship as everyone shares in the intimacy of the meal.

Throughout my many meals I have tried and shared many dishes.

Yet what most at home find interesting are those foods which mark distinction from the ordinary.

So yes, I have had chicken feet fried or in soup, strips of pig ear,

Nilla Wafers, a personal favorite, runs you \$1.99 for a 3.5 ounce container at Chilly's, but at Wal-Mart they don't even sell the same small container — a 12 ounce one will run you \$2.88. A Pop Tart, another personal favorite, will run you 75 cents a piece at the University, but at Wal-Mart they go for 48 cents a piece.

This isn't even factoring in the possibility of buying generic brands, which are even cheaper than the prices of comparable products at Wal-Mart.

I'm sure this isn't late-breaking news to anyone that the school is blatantly ripping you off when you shop on campus. It isn't exactly new for a college to rob their students with their grocery store; it's pretty much a nationwide practice.

The only thing that makes the University special is the lack of major public transportation. At my alma mater, we were in the middle of Boston. If you didn't want to get gyped, you could take the subway or just walk a block down the street and find yourself a better grocery store.

Many schools are like this — built around cities and towns that make it easy for students to go elsewhere. But the University has made it so there is no competition with its on-campus offerings.

With the cost of parking permits, the poor quality of parking lots, and the cost of owning and driving a motor vehicle (read: gas prices), it's no surprise many students opt not to have cars on campus. This should not hinder their access to better grocery offerings.

With the recent movement toward getting a downtown shuttle service, it seems all but assumed at this point that the students have successfully rallied for a change decades in the making.

But we must not become complacent.

We need to look at getting a shuttle to go toward Wal-Mart, Meijer and Kroger on some type of regular basis.

knuckles and slices of skin in traditional basin dishes.

I have also unknowingly had shark-fin soup, abalone and knowingly even corn juice and snake soup.

While I don't necessarily have a taste for everything twice, I have wholeheartedly come to appreciate the diversity of Chinese food and its willingness to use all the parts of animals, plants and fish that Americans often discard.

And as long as my stomach holds, I will continue this technique to learn even more about Hong Kong and greater China.

— Geraghty is a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant in Hong Kong. She graduated from the University in 2007.

Who wouldn't board a bus to get groceries and save money you'd waste buying food on campus? Even if the shuttle went only once or twice a week, students would greatly benefit from this service.

Now there's no doubt cost will be an issue.

You can rest assured the administration won't foot the bill. In fact, it will lack any motivation to comply with any proposal, for fair competition will clearly drive students away from on-campus food offerings and cut down from its bottom line.

We need our representatives to look into this matter, do the research, crunch the numbers and present the information to the campus community in clear, pointed and practical ways.

What can you do? Write the University president, stop by his office (220 McFall Center) or contact your new Undergraduate Student Government president, John Waynick (jwaynick@bgsu.edu).

Let everyone you can know you're sick of getting ripped off. You want some fair way to get to local grocery stores.

Otherwise, we're all going to have to keep making the long trek in the cold to keep from getting the shaft from the University.

— Respond to Greg at thenews@bgnews.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Time to put USG election controversy behind us

This letter is intended to clear up any lingering confusion about the recent Undergraduate Student Government elections.

As one of the handful of people involved in this situation from the beginning, I feel I am in a position to speak about this issue.

I will talk about my position but also incorporate the feelings of the other side as well, as we have had conversations about this. Hopefully, I can offer a well-rounded view on this situation.

The allegations against the John Waynick-Sundeep Mutgi

ticket were not without merit.

These were issues that were being investigated before the election was over.

As a candidate, I started to ask questions about the student organization "Waynick and Mutgi USG '08" and was displeased with the answers I received.

I, along with other candidates, filed an official complaint about the issue. I wanted to be 100 percent clear of Mr. Waynick's involvement with the organization's funding. I feel anyone in my position would have done the same.

I felt that Mr. Waynick's involvement on the Student

Budget Committee may have led to a campaign violation, but the procedures and appeals board for USG ruled otherwise.

John and Sundeep have both talked with me face to face about this issue. They both explained their positions to me and I voiced my concerns to them.

We will always disagree on certain parts of this situation. However, I do feel we are trying to put this behind us.

This entire situation and election has been a learning experience. I was disappointed about the election results, but that is not an excuse for some of my actions after the election.

I feel it's time to move on with life. I don't think any of the parties involved intended for this situation to linger as long as it has.

I hope this has cleared up some of the confusion and allows people to see this story from my vantage point.

— Jarell Potts
Junior, Political Science

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From Hong Kong, with food

MEAGHAN GERAGHTY | GUEST COLUMNIST

Before I left, people told me to plunge in and expand my horizons.

Sure thing, I thought.

But it wasn't until I was served chicken feet, strips of pig ear, jellyfish, corn juice and snake soup that I realized exactly what this cultural plunge would entail.

Unable to speak Chinese, three months after graduating from the University I was thrown into the bustling streets of Tai Po, a district in the New Territories of Hong Kong as one of 16 new U.S. Fulbright English Teaching Assistants at the Hong Kong Institute of Education.

Forced to navigate this new culture and unable to communicate in the way I had for the previous 22 years, I was overwhelmed and needed to gain a handle on at least one aspect of my new culture.

Choosing what I thought of as the universal language — food — I tried to increase my cultural fluency by trying

"So yes, I have had chicken feet fried or in soup, strips of pig ear, knuckles and slices of skin in traditional basin dishes."

as many types of authentic Chinese food as possible.

Setting out, I counted the number of people in various side-street restaurants and, if busy, stepped in, hoping high numbers positively reflected the food served inside.

While it seemed an ideal attempt, I soon realized that Tai Po was a whole 80 minutes north of the central parts of Hong Kong. Not only was the English language less common there, but so too were translated menus.

Too embarrassed to walk out after being seated, I stuck to the limited pictures of dishes on the menus and pointed with a smile when ordering. When menus had no pictures, I guessed on Chinese characters and pretended not to be surprised when I was served.

So it was in this way (and with

the later help of restaurant suggestions from my students) that I began to grow accustomed to Chinese food.

Once I was served, I watched those around me to learn the local Tai Po dinner table etiquette.

First, the most common type of restaurant teacups used are not the fanciful decorated kind. Instead restaurants use sturdier, 3-inch high, handle-free cups. This way you are forced to constantly pour more tea from the pot, thus keeping your tea from getting cold.

When tea is being poured, it's appropriate to gently tap your index and middle finger together on the table. In the United States this might reflect impatience, but in Hong Kong it is viewed as a sign of honorable gratitude to the person pouring.

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Mugabe digs his heels into presidency

By Angus Shaw
The Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe — For a few brief moments, Zimbabweans suffering under the authoritarian rule of Robert Mugabe allowed themselves a rare burst of optimism after their longtime president suffered what appeared to be a devastating electoral loss.

But ruling party stalwarts and security chiefs — worried about their own fates in a post-Mugabe era — quickly dug in their heels, and Mugabe now appears poised to do everything he can to extend his 28-year rule.

"There's a political hardening by the political elite of the ruling party," said Eldred Masunungure, a political analyst at the University of Zimbabwe. "They're in a panic mode."

Earlier, news of the opposition victory sent supporters into the streets, dancing, singing and waving the open hand that is the Movement for Democratic Change's symbol. The symbol of Mugabe's ZANU-PF is a clenched fist, and it didn't take long for it to show.

Though opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai has promised Mugabe a peaceful retirement, fears of violence against government opponents have grown as security forces and ruling party thugs took to the streets in the days after the March 29 election.

It would not be the first time Mugabe resorted to violence to cling to power.

He had ruled his nation with little real challenge since 1980, when his guerrilla movement helped end white rule in Rhodesia and bring about an independent Zimbabwe. He was praised for



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ACROSS COUNTRY LINES: Zimbabwean people flee across border at Beitbridge Border Post in Musina, South Africa, Friday March 28, 2008.

his policies of racial reconciliation and economic growth, and for bringing education and health care to the masses.

Then a coalition of trade unionists — backed by some wealthy white commercial farmers and their workers — formed the Movement for Democratic Change which, along with civil rights groups, dealt Mugabe his

first defeat at a 2000 referendum to entrench presidential powers.

Shocked, Mugabe responded by sending armed thugs, some veterans of the bush war for independence, into rural areas to seize white-owned farms and intimidate opposition supporters.

Though the farm seizures sparked an eventual economic

collapse that has this former regional breadbasket dependent on international food aid, the ruling party won 2000 parliamentary elections. Similar campaigns of intimidation preceded ruling party victories in 2002 and 2005 elections, which international observers said were marred by serious irregularities, including outright rigging. Scores of Mugabe opponents were killed.

In contrast, the March 29 elections were relatively peaceful and, in a compromise with opposition leaders, the government posted results outside all the polling stations — a move that made it more difficult to cheat.

Mugabe campaigned on his liberation credentials and land reform, blaming former colonizer Britain and the West for ruining the economy through sanctions. In fact, the sanctions only involve visa bans and frozen bank accounts for Mugabe and about 100 of his cronies.

After it became clear Mugabe did not win the most votes and was likely headed for a runoff with Tsvangirai, several people reported secret talks to usher the 84-year-old into a graceful retirement, though aides to Mugabe and Tsvangirai denied it.

Supporters of Tsvangirai, who said he won more than 50 percent of the vote and did not need a runoff, took to the streets in euphoria. Many hoped an end to Mugabe's rule would revive the economy, where inflation rates at more than 100,000 percent.

But eight days after the presidential vote, election officials still have not released the results, and the mood in the country has turned dark.

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Yachts, beware! Pirates off African coast

French contact pirates who hijacked a luxury yacht Friday in Somalia

By Salad Duhul
The Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia — France has made contact with pirates who hijacked a French luxury yacht off Africa's eastern coast with 30 French and Ukrainian crew members on board, the French foreign minister said yesterday.

About 10 suspected pirates stormed the 288-foot Le Ponant on Friday as it was returning, without passengers, from the Seychelles in the Indian Ocean. The pirates then guided the vessel down Somalia's eastern coast.

The hijacking comes amid a surge in piracy in the seas off the chaotic Horn of Africa nation,

"We have
to do everything
to avoid bloodshed."

B. Kouchner | Foreign Minister

where a weak and impoverished government is unable to patrol its territorial waters. Pirates have seized more than two dozen ships off the country's coast in the last year, typically demanding high ransoms to free their hostages.

French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner told France-Inter radio that France was in contact with the pirates.

"We have established contact,

and the case may take a long time," he said, without providing more details. Asked whether France would consider paying a ransom, he responded, "We'll see."

"We have to do everything to avoid bloodshed," Kouchner said.

Earlier, a local fisherman Mahdi Daud Anbuure saw the ship arriving at the northern town of Eyl, about 310 miles north of the Somali capital, Mogadishu, with a small boat heading toward it, apparently with supplies.

Abdirahman Mohamed Bangah, information minister for the semi-autonomous northern region of Puntland, said he hoped international forces will "rescue this ship" at Eyl, confirming its location.



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- McDonald, Moore, Olscamp

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SIDELINES



BASEBALL

Indians outlast the A's in a low-scoring game

Strong pitching was the story yesterday as the Cleveland Indians downed the Oakland A's, 2-1. The win snapped a three-game losing skid.

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OUR CALL

Today in Sports History

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1969—Bill Singer of the Dodgers is credited with baseball's first official save.

1956—The Philadelphia Warriors win the NBA championship.

1928—New York Rangers General Manager Lester Patrick replaces his injured goalie in a Stanley Cup game and beats Montreal, 2-1.

The List

The Final Four produced two exciting games. Today, we're listing the five biggest storylines from the weekend.

1. Memphis' run:

They're the only team in the history of the NCAA to win 38 games in a season.

2. Collison's game:

UCLA point guard Darren Collison fouled out of the game and only scored two points.

3. UCLA's woes: This is now the third straight year the Bruins have made the Final Four but haven't come away with a championship.

4. Tar Heels

bounced: North Carolina was the top overall seed in the tournament, but was throttled by Kansas.

5. Kansas

dominates: The Jayhawks looked flat-out unstoppable at times during Saturday's win over North Carolina.



BRIGHT SPOT: Despite losing two of three games over the weekend, BG was able to win the first game 10-3 on the strength of three straight doubles in the fifth inning.

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Falcons drop weekend set

Central Michigan's bats heat up as BG loses two of three at home

By Ethan Magoc
Reporter

The Falcons ran out of steam and quality pitching this weekend against Central Michigan at Steller Field.

Rain showers throughout the day on Friday in northwest Ohio forced BG and CMU into a double-header on Saturday afternoon. The Falcons collected a 10-3 win in the first game behind another strong performance by sophomore transfer Frank Berry.

The former Longwood University pitcher moved his record to 4-0 this season with a seven-inning performance before Charles Wooten came in to close out the victory.

"I thought Frank was very aggressive against a very good lineup," said BG coach Danny Schmitz. "He kept the ball low, and when he missed, he didn't miss by much. Central can put some pretty good left-handed batters up against you, and Frank battled very well against them."

The score was tied at two heading into the bottom half of the fifth inning, and that's when the Falcon bats exploded.

"When you start giving the other team more than three outs per inning, you're asking for trouble. That's exactly what we did today. We gave them their first six runs."

Danny Schmitz | BG baseball coach

Back-to-back-to-back doubles by Andrew Foster, Brian Hangbers, and Derek Spencer gave BG a 6-2 lead, and they didn't look back.

Foster singled an inning later, and after Hangbers reached on an error, Spencer brought them both home again for two more insurance runs.

BG would add two more runs in the eighth inning to give Wooten a seven-run cushion, but he wouldn't even need it. After walking two batters with two outs, the Elmore, Ohio, native struck out the final batter of the eighth inning, and didn't allow a run or a hit in the ninth.

But the Chippewas' bats would be much more effective, and the Falcons' pitching less so, in the final two games of the Mid-American Conference series.

Kevin Light, another Longwood transfer, got the start in Saturday's

game two and cruised through the first three innings. Light had been helped out by his teammate Ryan Shay on the first pitch that the Falcon shortstop saw.

Hitting leadoff in baseball is not an easy task to do well. It is arguably one of the more difficult duties in any sport, though it seems to come naturally to Shay this season.

Stepping to the plate in the bottom of the first sporting an above-.400 average, Shay crushed the first pitch from CMU starter Dan Taylor over the left-field fence. It was Shay's first home run of the season, though it may not be his last, the way he's swinging the bat of late.

"I pretty much just went up there hacking," Shay said of his home run that gave his team a quick 1-0



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ROUGHED UP: BG was outscored 16-8 in the final two games of the weekend series.

BG track team features 19 scorers on the way to third place weekend finish

By Andrew Harner
Reporter

BG's women's track team finished third among 19 teams at the Oliver Nikoloff Invitational in Cincinnati this weekend.

With 19 athletes scoring for them, the Falcons finished with 97 points behind Cincinnati (243) and Ashland (105). BG also got to compete against unattached athletes who are training for Olympic trials or other events.

"It was good competition across the board," coach Cami Wells said. "We've got quite a few young athletes on the team so they need different kinds of competition to get them where they need to be."

BG was very strong in the field for the second week in a row, getting more than a fifth of their points (22) from the discus throw and over half (53) from all field events.

Liz Honegger (43.89m) and Lauren Bryant (43.93m) took first



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NICE SHOWING: BG finished in third place out of 19 teams over the weekend.

and second in the team scoring for the discus throw. Whitney Hartman took fifth with a throw of 41.63m.

"I was happy to see that they made a good transition to outdoors," Wells said.

Bryant (51.52m) and Hartman (50.62m) followed up their discus

throws with top five finishes in the hammer throw as well.

Kylie Korsnack finished fifth in the javelin throw with a distance of 33.57m. TaKarra Dunning (13.74)

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BILL BOYCE | AP PHOTO

MILESTONE: Keith Tkachuk scored his 500th goal yesterday against Columbus.

Blues upend Blue Jackets in final regular season game

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Keith Tkachuk took the shot from beyond center ice toward an empty net. One "lucky bounce" later, his entire team was swarming him.

Tkachuk became the 41st player in NHL history to score 500 goals, and added an assist to help the St. Louis Blues beat

the Columbus Blue Jackets 4-1 yesterday in the season finale for both teams.

Tkachuk, a 16-year veteran, scored his 27th of the season, a short-handed goal into an empty net, with 1:34 remaining.

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added a fourth place finish in the shot put.

Elizabeth Stone (1.60m) finished third in the team scoring for the high jump and Sabrina Forstein (3.55m) was in a four-way tie for third place in the pole vault.

"We expect [the field events] will continue to score points from meet to meet," Wells said. "The majority of them are juniors and seniors, and we count on them to do that."

The Falcons were also very strong in the 800 meter run taking three of the top eight spots.

Lyndi Springer (2:16.86) finished fourth, Danielle Thornton (2:18.36) took sixth and Heather Conger (2:18.67) crossed the line in eighth.

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"It was good competition across the board. We've got quite a few young athletes on the team so they need different kinds of competition to get them where they need to be."

Cami Wells | BG track coach

BG had three scorers in the long distance races.

In the 1,500 meter run, freshman Carly Bates finished first in 4:41.74 which was almost a second ahead of second place for the Falcon's lone overall win of the day.

Korsnack finished sixth in the 3,000 meter steeplechase (11:51.27) and Jamie Roflow was just three seconds from a second place finish in the 5,000 meter run (17:16.80).

The Falcon relay teams also did well with the 4-by-100 meter team of Rachel Doughty, Brittani McNeal, Tiffany Dziak and Shantell Lewis finishing in third (48.77) and the 4-by-400 meter team of Springer, Hillary Hewit, Thornton and Conger taking fourth (4:00.93).

Sarah Hooten (12.63) also scored for BG with a fourth place finish in the team scoring for the 100 meter dash.

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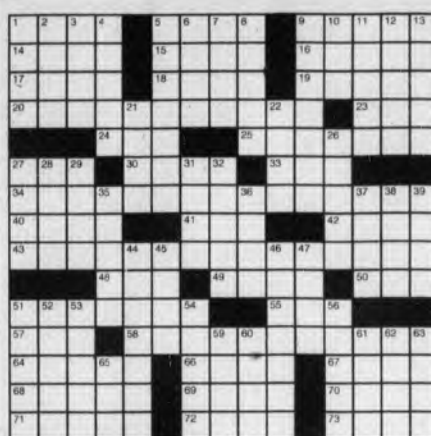
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BASEBALL

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lead. "I hit leadoff in high school, so that's where I feel most comfortable. I'm just trying to stay hot and get the team going."

After this weekend, Shay sports a 14-game hitting streak, as he also collected a single in yesterday's first at-bat.

However, Shay would be only one of two BG players to touch the plate for the rest of the game. Taylor tossed a complete game to earn his first win of the season for CMU, while Light took his second defeat, giving up three earned runs in the 6-2 loss.

"Kevin Light battled pretty well, though he didn't get a whole lot of help behind the dish," Schmitz said. He referred to home plate umpire Sal Giacomantonio's strike zone that was quite possibly less than half the size of his last name.

"But our kids played hard, and that's all you can ask. Give Central Michigan credit. Dan Taylor threw a hell of a game for them after that leadoff home run," Schmitz said.

"The young man had an outstanding performance, and you couldn't ask for more from him," said Chippewa coach Steve Jaksa. "We needed that after we lost the first game Saturday."

Offense would become the story yesterday, however, as Central Michigan managed to score in six of the nine innings to move their MAC record to 3-5 with a 10-6 win.

BG's biggest problem on the day was spotting CMU more than their allotted out total via three early errors.

"When you start giving the other team more than three outs per inning, you're asking for trouble," Schmitz said. "That's exactly what



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IN RELIEF: BG relief pitcher Charles Wooten throws during yesterday's game.

we did today. We gave them their first six runs."

BG tried to mount a comeback by scoring two runs in the bottom of the fourth inning after going down 6-0, but Central was able to hold tough in the final five frames.

"The most important thing was the ability for us to keep scoring," Jaksa said. "BG kept swinging well and they had those four two-out singles in the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh innings, so they weren't going to quit coming."

While BG tried to play catch-up all game, CMU was the more aggressive team as they managed to get the first batter on base in all but two innings.

With the pair of losses, the Falcons fell to 4-2 in the MAC and 12-11 overall now in 2008.

Lee's strong outing helps Tribe take down A's

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Cliff Lee is much happier with his start in 2008.

Lee sat out last April with an abdominal injury and spent most of the season in the minor leagues. Yesterday, he won his first outing of the year by retiring 10 of his last 12 batters in the Indians' 2-1 victory over the Oakland Athletics.

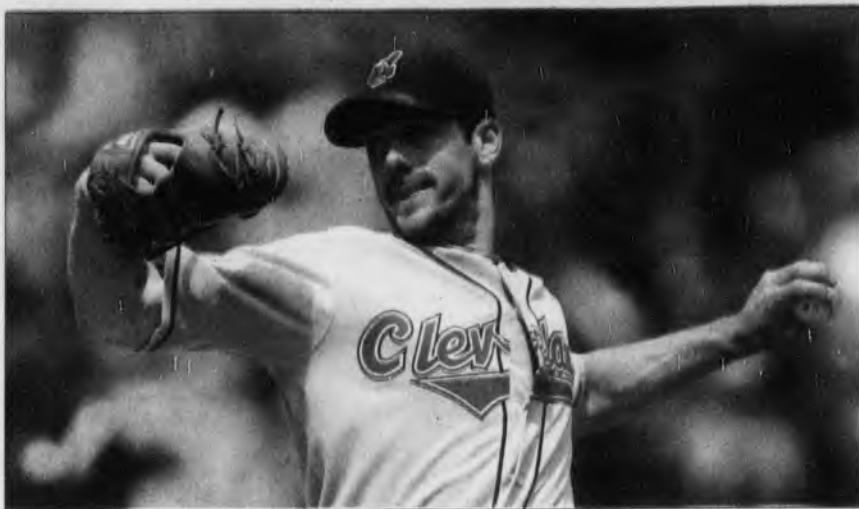
Lee gave up four hits and struck out four in six 2-3 innings to beat A's ace Joe Blanton (0-2), who carried a shutout into seventh before Cleveland scored twice on just two hits. Just 5-8 over 16 starts during an injury-filled 2007, Lee retired his first seven hitters.

"The season I had last year, just the motivation from that helped more than anything," Lee said. "Going into the offseason I couldn't wait to get back to this point right here. To start it out like this feels good."

Lee walked one and only gave up one unearned run in his first start of the season, helping to stop the Indians' three-game losing streak.

Joe Borowski pitched the ninth for his second save in as many chances. Borowski followed Rafael Perez and Rafael Betancourt and completed the four-hitter for Cleveland.

Oakland won the first two games of the series by beating Paul Byrd and reigning AL Cy Young Award winner C.C. Sabathia. The A's couldn't get anything going against Lee.



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A GOOD START: Indians starter Cliff Lee gave up one run and retired 10 of the last 12 batters he faced yesterday.

"Going into the offseason I couldn't wait to get back to this point right here. To start out like this feels good."

Cliff Lee | Indians starter

He needed 12 pitches to retire Oakland leadoff hitter Travis Buck in the first inning but settled down and allowed only one runner past first base.

"With Cliff, all the hard work he's done over the winter, his approach this spring and fighting to make this ballclub, it's just great to see him come out there and get off to a good start," Indians manager Eric Wedge

said. "He did a great job controlling the ballgame. He established his fastball early and commanded it throughout."

Cleveland entered batting just .181 (15-for-93) over its previous three games but had seven hits and four walks off Blanton — the most walks he allowed since Aug. 12, 2006.

Three of the walks came in the seventh.

Asdrubal Cabrera's ground-out drove in the first run off Blanton, with first baseman Daric Barton bobbling the ball briefly as pinch-runner Jamey Carroll scored. Ryan Garko walked with the bases loaded after the A's opted to intentionally walk Grady Sizemore.

"I'm a pretty aggressive hitter so I was pretty proud of the way that I stayed under control and took a good 2-2 and a good 3-2 pitch," Garko said. "Last year that would have been a guaranteed strikeout so I was happy I was able to stay under control."

It was another tough outing for Blanton (0-2), winless in three starts.

Griffey homers in Reds' win over Nationals

By Joe Kay
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Ken Griffey Jr. doesn't give much thought to his statistics — not even the big one that's fast approaching. The day to talk about that one will come soon enough.

For the moment, he's more wrapped up in smoothing out his swing and enjoying what he sees from the Cincinnati Reds' young starting pitchers.

Griffey hit his 594th career homer yesterday, a two-run shot that resumed his pursuit of a seldom-reached milestone and powered the Reds to an 8-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies. Griffey's first homer of the sea-

son off Brett Myers (0-1) left him six shy of becoming the sixth player in major league history to reach 600 homers. He would join Barry Bonds, Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth, Willie Mays and Sammy Sosa.

One week into the season, he's still trying to get comfortable at the plate.

"It's a day-in, day-out process," Griffey said. "I don't even think about it."

Jeff Keppinger homered and drove in three runs for the Reds, who improved to 4-2 with another encouraging start by a newcomer.

Right-hander Edinson Volquez (1-0) struck out eight in 5 1-3 innings, the second time during

the homestand that a young Reds pitcher made a good first impression. Johnny Cueto had one of the best big league debuts in franchise history on Wednesday, striking out 10 in seven innings of a 3-2 win over Arizona.

"The first thing on my mind was I had to do a good job my first time in Cincinnati," Volquez said. "I think I did. I didn't go seven innings or have 10 strikeouts like J.C., but I think it was pretty good."

The 24-year-old Volquez, who was part of the trade with Texas for Josh Hamilton in December, got a standing ovation when he left with a 4-1 lead in the sixth. He gave up five hits and a pair of walks.

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"About half way down it looked like it was going in," he said. "Trust me, I wasn't looking. I was just shooting. I got a little lucky bounce."

And he was given attention from those who matter most.

"Just the reaction I got from my teammates coming onto the ice, I don't care how old you are ... it makes you feel pretty good."

He scored three goals in the final two regular-season games — both wins against Columbus — to reach the milestone.

"You're just trying to survive and make it in the NHL," said Tkachuk, drafted 19th overall

by Winnipeg in the 1990 draft. "Sixteen years later, you look back at a number, a lot of hard work by your parents, and the people around you ... and all the great players I played with, they're the reason why I'm in this situation."

Blues coach Andy Murray enjoyed every second of the historical play, but thought there could have been more attention given to the moment.

"It was exciting watching that puck go down the ice into the empty net," he said. "I wish they'd inform the people right away what was going on here. That's a special moment. They should have said that's Keith Tkachuk's 500th goal. It's something special."

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